

Merchantville, March 23, 2020

A Caucus meeting of Borough Council was held at 7:30 PM, Monday, March 23, 2020 as a virtual ZOOM meeting. Mayor Ted Brennan presided. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer for these times lost and the struggling. Announcement was made that the meeting had been advertised in accordance with the regulations prescribed by the "Open Public Meetings Act".

ROLL CALL: Council Present: Fitzgerald, McLoone, Perno, Scarpa, Sperrazza, Woods, and Brennan. CFO Moules, Clerk Brouse and Attorney Higgins were present.

Virtual meeting Rules and guidelines were read. List is attached, place in record.

PUBLIC – none

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Merchantville Virus – guided by Governor, Mayor put out statements and guidelines and how we are doing business. Working with OEM John Paul and Sean weekly standing meeting dealing with issues each day. Working with school as well as seniors.

NEW BUSINESS

- Business Community – Mayor provided the following, Communication to businesses by letter. Active on social media. Trying on all fronts to respond to the needs of the community. Employees are working remotely and coming in Borough office along with weekly reporting. Thank staff and first responders. Open to suggestions. Function as a single voice in Borough. Been on many calls with Governor and office.

Mr. Perno – Resident contacted regarding blood drive in Borough because of a shortage. Consider the Community Center. Blood not transferrable if you have the virus. Mayor thinks it would be great but would the gym be a better place? Caretaker upstairs but supportive of this. Gym probably much better parking. Mr. McLoone thinks gym is a good idea as well. Mayor asked Anthony to discuss with school.

- Eclipse – hold off on taking rent for Eclipse at this time. 3 months, Resolution for timeframe. On a motion by Mr. Sperrazza and a second by Ms. Scarpa council approved.

Resolutions approved by consent agenda:

On a motion by Mr. Perno and a second by Mr. Sperrazza council approved the following resolutions:

R20-49
RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
APPROVING SEWER PAYMENT GRACE PERIOD EXTENSION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville has billed its property owners for the 2020 sewer billing cycle;
 and

WHEREAS, the due date that was originally set for April 1, 2020 with a grace period of 10 days or April 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, council recommends extending the grace period to June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, any and all sewer bills that are not paid to the Borough and received by June 30, 2020 will have the interest rate retro back to April 1, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tax Collector is hereby authorized by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville to adjust the amounts as stated above.

R20-50

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPOINTING CITIZENS TO THE GREEN TEAM IN AND FOR THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Committee for a Green Future of the New Jersey League of Municipalities has promulgated a municipal certification program and organization called Sustainable Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Sustainable Jersey is to enlist municipalities in a concerted state-wide effort to improve the environment and promote sustainability and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Merchantville has worked with the Green Team since 2017 on sustainability initiatives, now formally recognizes and establishes the Green Team and its link to our Sustainable Jersey certification

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council has established a Green Team in and for the Borough of Merchantville by Ordinance #20-0 adopted on March 9, 2020.

IT IS, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Borough Council of Merchantville that the following citizens be and hereby are appointed to the Green Team in and for the Borough of Merchantville:

Ray Woods
Councilman, Borough of Merchantville
Council Liaison to Green Team

Griffin Kidd
Science Educator, Haddonfield School District
Merchantville Councilman (2017-2020)
Founder Merchantville Green Team 2017
Green Team Action Member
Program Volunteer, Community Education, Borough Liaison

Ron Smith
Science Educator, Haddonfield School District
Instructor, Drexel University Biodiversity Earth and Environmental Science Department
Merchantville 4H Leader
Green Team Action Member, Program Volunteer, Community Education

Brian Barnhart
IT Director, Merchantville Science Fair Director
Merchantville Graphic Design Volunteer
Green Team Action Member, Program Promotion,
Project Volunteer, Community Education
Merchantville 4H Member

Joseph Bouvier, Esquire
Green Team Action Member, Community Education

Caroline Bouvier
Student, Haddon Heights HS
Green Team Action Member, Community Education

Olivia Bouvier
Student, Haddon Heights HS
Green Team Action Member, Community Education

Joan Brennan
Registered Nurse, VP of Clinical Services HMS School for Children with Cerebral Palsy
Incredible Edible Merchantville Founder/ Member, Merchantville Board of Health
Green Team Action Member, Sustainable Jersey Certification Lead

Adrienne Browne
Science Educator, Merchantville School District
Junior Green Team Leader
Green Team Action Member, Community Education, Project Volunteer

Nicole Eiland
Owner, Eiland Arts
Community Artist and Businesswoman
Green Team Action Member, Project Volunteer, Community Education

Dorothy Foley
Community Volunteer
Incredible Edible Merchantville Member
Green Team Action Member, Program Volunteer
Environmental Film Series Organizer, Sustainable Jersey Certification Lead

Cindy Hertneck
Community Volunteer
Merchantville Garden Club Leader, Incredible Edible Merchantville Member
Green Team Action Member, Event Organizer, Sustainable Certification Lead

Ryan Middleton
Community Organizer, Merchantville Borough
Farmers Market Coordinator, Special Events Organizer
Green Team Action Member, Program Promotion
Project Volunteer, Community Education
Merchantville 4H Member

John Woodruff
Director of Academic Success Center and Disability Resources, Rowan University
Green Team Action Member, Project Volunteer, Community Education

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of Merchantville approves the following:

- The Green Team will continue to be active in the community and shall advance sustainable practices and action included in the Sustainable Jersey municipal certification program;
- The Green Team shall be composed of individuals who have demonstrated an interest in advancing the efforts of the Borough of Merchantville to pursue certification through the Sustainable Jersey municipal certification program; and
- The role of the Green Team shall be to coordinate the sustainability activities of the community.

R20-51
AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY
APPROPRIATIONS OF THE 2020 BUDGET

WHEREAS, no provision was made in the 2020 Temporary Budget for budget appropriations beyond March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, NJSA 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency temporary appropriation for operating expenditures when the adoption of the Municipal Budget is after March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the total emergency operating expenditures for the second quarter of 2020 are expected to be \$ 1,146,901.72 for the Current Fund and \$ 81,472.13 for the Sewer Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville in accordance with the provisions of NJSA 40A:4-20 that:

1. An emergency temporary appropriation in the amount of \$ 1,146,901.72 for the Current Fund and \$ 81,472.13 for the Sewer Fund is hereby made.
2. That said emergency temporary appropriations have been provided for in the 2020 Municipal Budget.

R20-52
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENGINEER TO PREPARE BID DOCUMENTS
AND THE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR THE OPENING OF BIDS FOR THE
NJ DOT MUNICIPAL AID FY 2020 ROADS PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Borough has provided funding for the NJ DOT Roads Project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough requires that a contract for these improvements be awarded for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to have the improvements, for the approximate cost of the project as estimated by the Borough Engineer, to be performed by a contractor; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Borough Engineer to perform the necessary professional services to prepare the bid documents for the improvements; and

WHEREAS, once the bid documents have been prepared by the Engineer and accepted by the Borough, the Borough Clerk must be authorized to advertise for and open bids for the project; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Merchantville, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare the bid documents and the Clerk to advertise and receive bids for this project.

Final thoughts,
 Budget committee met
 All employees and should be good to move forward.
 School stated lowest tax increase doing best they can.
 Mr. Perno – Police/Fire doing a great job. Thank you. Incredible job.
 Ms. Scarpa – Thank you for letter COVID phone number on website.
 211 hotline
 Bill Watson will add to the website

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

On the motion of Mr. Perno and second of Mr. Sperrazza, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Denise Brouse, Borough Clerk